

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
FINAL POLLUTION REPORT**

**DATE:** 06 JAN 03

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USEPA Region 4

**TO:** S. Hitchcock, EPA  
Region 4, RRC  
ADEM  
EPA CID Dave McLeod

**I. GENERAL SITE INFORMATION**

Site Name: Calebee Creek Drums  
Street Address: County Road 73  
City, County, State: Tuskegee, Macon County, Alabama  
LATT/LONG: N32-21-49 / W085-47-05  
Site No.: A4CH

Response Authority: CERCLA  
NPL Status: NonNPL  
Incident Category: Emergency  
State Notification: ADEM  
Start Date: 26SEP03  
Finish Date: 08NOV03

**II BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- A. Type of Facility: Drums abandoned/dumped in creek.  
B. Site Description: Rural southern Alabama adjacent to Wildlife Management Area

**III RESPONSE INFORMATION**

Initial POLREP was drafted as a Special POLREP and Emergency Action Memorandum. Local call to 911 alerted County Sheriff and Alabama Wildlife Law Enforcement Agency to survey site of approximately 25 drums dumped into Calebee Creek from the bridge over County Road 73. The authorities determined that the drums had been dumped within 24 hours. ADEM SOSC Jerry Cheatwood surveyed site and determined that drums contained potentially hazardous materials. Cheatwood notified the NRC. EPA OSC Jardine was dispatched to assess and conduct appropriate emergency response actions. Jardine notified EPA CID Agent Dave McLeod to assess and conduct criminal investigation as appropriate. Jardine also gained access to adjacent property from owner Curtis Adams.

OSC Jardine summoned START contractor Tetra Tech to conduct field hazard characterization testing and ERRS contractor Kemron to perform removal operations. Drums were extracted from water and bulked as appropriate. Released material was sorbed onto pads and containerized. Containers were initially stored on Mr. Adams' property but were transferred to a secure Macon County DOT facility in Shorter the following day. Based upon sample analysis, Jardine determined one bulked drum to be RCRA hazardous and 14 drums plus one 20 cubic yard roll-off box to contain nonhazardous material. All materials were transported from the DOT facility on 08NOV03.

#### **IV FUTURE ACTIONS**

None

#### **V ESTIMATED COSTS**

EPA	\$ 1,000
START	\$ 2,000
ERRS	<u>\$ 23,000</u>
Total	\$ 26,000

#### **VI. ROSTER OF AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS ASSISTING IN REMOVAL**

Organization/Agency	Primary Contact	Phone Number	Role/Activity
USEPA R4	Rick Jardine	(404) 562-8764	On-Scene Coordinator
ADEM	Jerry Cheatwood	(334) 318-2694	SOSC
EPA CID	Dave McLeod	(601) 965-5555	Resident Agent In Charge
Alabama Wildlife	Keith Mann	(334) 850-5098	WMA Law Enforcement Officer
Tetra Tech EMI	John Schendel	(404) 225-5516	START PM
Kemron	John Everett	(404) 636-0928	ERRS PM